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I-579 Overnight Improvements Continue Next Week in Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh, PA – Pittsburgh, PA – PennDOT District 11 is announcing overnight improvement work on I-579 and associated ramps for the I-579 “Cap” Urban Connector project in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, will occur Monday through Thursday nights, August 12-15 weather permitting.

Crews from the Joseph B. Fay Company will conduct overhang and parapet removal work and hang overhead jacks from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. requiring the following restrictions:

- Monday night, August 12 – The northbound I-579 right-hand lane will be restricted and the northbound I-579 ramp to Bigelow Boulevard will be shortened.
- Tuesday night, August 13 – The northbound I-579 center lane will be restricted.
- Wednesday night, August 14 – The northbound I-579 left-hand lane will be restricted.
- Thursday night, August 15 – The northbound I-579 ramp to 7th Avenue will close to traffic. Motorists will be detoured.

Posted Detour

Northbound I-579 to 7th Avenue

- From northbound I-579, take the PPG Arena/Centre Avenue off-ramp
- Turn right onto Washington Place
- Turn right onto Fifth Avenue
- Turn right onto 6th Avenue
- Turn right onto Grant Street
- Follow Grant Street back to 7th Avenue
- End detour

The work is part of the \$29.34 million project which will consist of the construction of a structure spanning I-579 to link downtown Pittsburgh and the Hill District. In part, the Cap project will create a new three-acre greenspace which will include pedestrian pathways, bicycle routes, rain

gardens for stormwater management, and design elements from neighborhood artists. Additional construction activities include retrofitting existing retaining walls and bridges to accommodate the new structure, roadway reconstruction, drainage improvements, traffic signals, highway lighting, ITS, and landscaping.

For additional details on the project including information on sustainability, funding, and public input please visit <http://www.pgh-sea.com/LHR-i579cap.htm>.

To help keep motorists informed as work progresses, PennDOT has created an email distribution list for I-579 Crosstown Boulevard traffic advisories and construction updates. Enroll by sending email addresses to stcowan@pa.gov. Please write "Subscribe – I-579 Cap Project" in the subject line.

Motorists can check conditions on more than 40,000 roadway miles, including color-coded winter conditions on 2,900 miles, by visiting www.511PA.com. 511PA, which is free and available 24 hours a day, provides traffic delay warnings, weather forecasts, traffic speed information, and access to more than 950 traffic cameras.

511PA is also available through a smartphone application for iPhone and Android devices, by calling 5-1-1, or by following regional twitter alerts accessible on the 511PA website.